are more interested in taking space on lease in brake vans of important mail/express trains which cannot always be made fully available due to other traffic which is plying regularly in these brake vans spaces. Every effort is being made to lift more and more fruit traffic from these areas with continuous interaction with the fruit merchants.

Introduction of pantry car facilities in trains

1099. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced pantry car facilities in the intercity Express running between Ernakulam and Trivandrum;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that some private contractor has been entrusted to run the pantry car;

(c) in how many trains has the pantry car operations been entrusted to private contractors;

(d) what are the reasons for not providing pantry car facility on the daily Bombay Jayanti Express running between Kanyakumari and Bombay; and

(e) what are the criteria for introducing pantry car in a train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 77 pairs of trains.

(d) and (e) As per extant provisions, pantry cars are provided in order of priority on certain selected long distance Mail/Express trains keeping in view the timings, stoppages, adequacy of catering services from static units enroute, etc. This is subject to availability of pantry cars and maximum permissible load of the train.

Electrification of Electric Trains Kharagpur and Waltair

1100. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided for electrification for movement of electric trains between Kharagpur and Waltair in South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) to (c) The section Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar-Waltair on South Eastern Railway is proposed to be electrified in two phases as under:

Phase—I : Kharagpur (Nimpura)-Bhubaneswar/Khurda Road section including Paradeep-Talcher Branch line.

Phase—II: Bhubaneswar/Khurda Road-Waltair.

For Phase-I, clearance from Planning Commission has been received for carrying out the work through private funding. Accordingly, this work has been included in the Railways' Works Programme 1995-96 and is proposed to be executed under BOLT scheme for which a sum of Rs. 40 crore has been indicated as 'Deposit' for the year 1995-96.

As regards electrification beyond Bhubaneswar/Khurda Road to Waltair, a cost-cum-feasibility survey has been carried out.

The electrification of this section will be considered as and when adequate funds are made available for the purpose.